

REMARKS

Status of the Application:

Claims 1-5, 9-11, 13-15, 17, and 20-23 are pending in the present application. Claims 18 and 19 are canceled in this Supplemental Amendment and claims 1-5, 9-10 and 20 are amended.

Interview:

Applicants appreciate the opportunity to discuss this case with the Examiner on July 29, 1997. At the interview, we discussed the July 24, 1997 Amendment and the Lin reference as applied by the Examiner. Specifically, we discussed whether and to what extent, if any, the July 24, 1997 Amendment overcame the Lin reference.

Rejection:

As clarified, Applicants' claims distinguish clearly over the art of record and Applicants ask the Examiner's favorable reconsideration.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, Applicants submit that all pending claims 1-5, 9-11, 13-15, 17, and 20-23 are allowable and respectfully asks the Examiner to take action indicative of that status.

Respectfully submitted,

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